

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments introduce claims that are substantially similar to claims of U.S. patent 6,964,194 which issued on November 15, 2005 and allowed claims of U.S. application number 10/686,810. The new claims are supported by the specifications, including the drawings and original claims of the present application and its parent, U.S. application number 09/779,814. Accordingly, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

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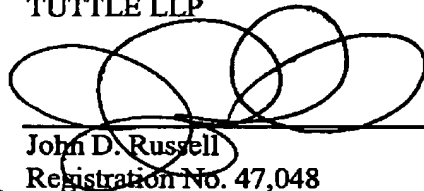
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